

I strongly urge you to vote no on deregulation of the media. Multiple ownership has gone to far already, affecting everything from public safety (as in the ability to contact anyone at a local station to broadcast emergency information), to culture (as in the obvious lack of regional or content diversity we see) to society (as in the concentration of a 'voice' in certain segments and a lack thereof in others). Further deterioration may not be immediate or even intentional, but may simply creep along subtly as owners make year-in and year-out incremental decisions where the bottom line comes up against the public good, where a tiny bit of extra profit faces a tiny bit of loss of quality of product. The airways belong, after all, to the public, not to business, and if they don't like operating under those circumstances, let them do something else. Thank you for your attention... Patrick Stewart